

# Biological Sciences Education

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## Department Information

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- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.; B.A.
- **Plan Of Study Sample:**  
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## Major Requirements

### Major: Biological Sciences Education

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.

Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 122

### University Degree Requirements

1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the curriculum in which one is enrolled.
2. Earn a minimum total of 120 credits in approved coursework. Some academic programs exceed this minimum.
3. Satisfactory completion of the general education requirements as specified by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses number 300 or higher.
6. Transfer Students: Must earn a minimum of 60 credits from a baccalaureate-degree granting or professional institution.
  - a. Of these 60, at least 36 must be NDSU residence credits as defined in #7.
  - b. Within the 36 resident credits, a minimum of 15 must be in courses numbered 300 or higher and 15 credits in the major field of study.
7. At least 36 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Residence credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2019-20/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation>) section of this Bulletin.

### University General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Communication (C)</b>		12
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing <sup>†</sup>		
<b>Quantitative Reasoning (R) <sup>†</sup></b>		3
<b>Science and Technology (S) <sup>†</sup></b>		10
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts (A) <sup>†</sup></b>		6
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) <sup>†</sup></b>		6
<b>Wellness (W) <sup>†</sup></b>		2
<b>Cultural Diversity (D) <sup>*†</sup></b>		
<b>Global Perspectives (G) <sup>*†</sup></b>		
Total Credits		39

\* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.

† General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.

- A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2019-20/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Biological Sciences Education Requirements</b>		
BIOL 189	1	1
ENGL 324	Writing in the Sciences (May satisfy general education category C)	3
GEOL 105 & 105L	Physical Geology and Physical Geology Lab (May satisfy general education category G)	4
MATH 146	Applied Calculus I (May satisfy general education category R)	4
<b>Teaching Specialty Requirements</b>		
BIOC 260	Elements of Biochemistry	4
BIOL 124 & 124L	Environmental Science and Environmental Science Laboratory	4
BIOL 150 & 150L	General Biology I and General Biology I Laboratory	4
BIOL 151 & 151L	General Biology II and General Biology II Laboratory	4
BIOL 220 & 220L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	4
BIOL 221 & 221L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	4
BIOL 252	Plant and Animal Diversity	3
BIOL 315 & 315L	Genetics and Genetics Laboratory	4
BIOL 364	General Ecology	3
BIOL 359	Evolution	3
BIOL 491	Seminar (Capstone)	2
Botany, Biology, Zoology Elective	300-400 Level Elective	3
BIOL 370	Cell Biology	3
CHEM 121 & 121L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Laboratory	4
CHEM 122 & 122L	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Laboratory	4
CHEM 240	Survey of Organic Chemistry	3
GEOL 106 & 106L	The Earth Through Time and The Earth Through Time Lab	4
PHYS 211 & 211L	College Physics I and College Physics I Laboratory	4
PHYS 212 & 212L	College Physics II and College Physics II Laboratory	4
STAT 330	Introductory Statistics	3
<b>Professional Education Requirements</b>		
EDUC 321	Introduction to Teaching	3
EDUC 322	Educational Psychology	3
EDUC 451	Instructional Planning, Methods and Assessment	3
EDUC 481	Classroom Practice Methods of Teaching I: (Science)	3
EDUC 485	Student Teaching Seminar	1
EDUC 486	Classroom Management for Diverse Learners	3
EDUC 487	Student Teaching	9
EDUC 488	Applied Student Teaching	3
EDUC 489	Teaching Students of Diverse Backgrounds	3
Total Credits		114

<sup>1</sup> BIOL 189 is only required for first-time, first-year students--A first-time, first-year student is defined as a student who has not yet completed a college course as a college student. Students that are not first-time, first-year students that either transfer into the university or change their major are not required to take BIOL 189.

### **Degree Requirements and Notes**

- Courses taken P/F may not be used to satisfy any requirements.
- GPA of 2.75 or better in the teaching specialty is required for placement in student teaching and exit from the program.
- A grade of 'C' or better is required in all Professional Education Requirement courses.
- A GPA of 2.75 or better in professional education as well as passing the appropriate Praxis II exam are required to exit the program.
- See School of Education (<https://www.ndsu.edu/education>) for admission requirements.